
Energy and Environment Committee
February 3, 2005

Action Minutes

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at SCAG Offices downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Washburn, Vice Chair, Calabasas. There was a quorum.

Members Present

Bertone, Denis
Clark, Margaret (**Chair**)
Cook, Debbie
Eckenrode, Norman
Forester, Larry
King, Dorothy
Nelson, Larry
Van Arsdale, Lori
Washburn, Dennis
Zerunyan, Frank

SGVCOG
City of Rosemead
City of Huntington Beach
City of Placentia
City of Signal Hill
Gateway Cities COG
City of Artesia
City of Hemet
City of Calabasas
South Bay Cities COG

Members Not Present

Harrison, Jon
Marchand, Paul
Portantino, Anthony
Young, Toni

City of Redlands
City of Cathedral City
City of La Canada/Flintridge
City of Port Hueneme

New Members

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1.0 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

Dennis Washburn, Calasas was elected Vice Chair.

2.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

Hon. Dennis Washburn, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Felix Oduyemi, Southern California Edison addressed the Committee pertaining Item 7.1

4.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE

5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes of January 6, 2005

Motion by Forester to approve the Action Minutes, Seconded by Nelson, then Approved by the majority of the Committee. Eckenrode abstained.

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Future Events Calendar

6.0 ACTION ITEMS

None at this time.

7.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

7.1 Energy Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

The purpose of the Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) is to consolidate the existing bodies of SCAG policies and to provide practical direction on the implementation of the plan to outside entities. At this stage the RCP Task Force is in the process of reviewing regional issues for the development of the chapter.

The RCP Task Force then reviewed the current energy policies and assessed that the region does not have an effective or comprehensive regional energy generation policy. This new policy should determine if the region should pursue energy generation capacity, and if so, the location and type of these power plants.

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Committee members suggested that alternative forms of energy conversion be considered and long-term guidelines to ensure a continuity of effort. In addition, staff will plan energy workshops comprised of elected officials and industry leaders to garner ideas and reach consensus.

Felix Oduyemi, Southern California Edison, advised the Committee to also consider energy transmission and distribution in the plan. He also offered to assist the Committee with funding and by encouraging other municipalities to become involved.

7.2 Solid Waste Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan

Staff reported that the RCP Task Force discussed the need for an integrated waste management system. Some of the primary functions of this system would be:

- adequately plan for future waste disposal
- divert waste from landfills
- using conversion technology to divert waste from landfills and to help generate electricity
- implementing a construction management ordinance that would mandate construction waste recycling
- expanding the number of governments with procurement policies favoring recyclable materials
- rewarding program implementation goals in place of strict numerical targets
- phasing out the use of hazardous materials
- Integrating regional plans with the state Solid Waste Plans.

The RCP Task Force identified several issues and recommend that the EEC reviews these issues and establishes policies in the areas of:

- reduction and elimination of non-reusable materials
- decommissioning nuclear power plants in earthquake fault zones
- disposal options for low-level radioactive medical waste

Staff is in the process of developing the Solid Waste Chapter of the Regional Comprehensive Plan that describes current conditions and objectives for regional solid waste planning. The focus is on specific actions for specific stakeholders. Actions are drawn from the 2004 RTP EIR, 1997 Solid Waste Task Force Report, and the 1989 Southern California Hazardous Waste Management Plan. Staff contacted Solid Waste Task Force participants to get their input on the chapter. Their interests include conversion technologies; solid waste transfer stations; rail transport of solid waste; universal hazardous waste; and electronic waste.

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7.3 Update on AQ Mitigation of Goods Movement

Staff briefed the Committee on efforts to evaluate if it is possible or technically feasible to accommodate the expected growth of the ports and to mitigate the related air quality emissions. It is believed that through coordination with various stakeholders and using the 2004 RTP as a blueprint, a regional strategy can be formulated to include components that will provide multiple benefits in the areas of: economy, transportation, mobility, and performance. Staff is working to create new programs that will not divert funds from other desperately needed transportation programs.

8.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT

Next meeting – February 10, 2005, 10a.m. to 12 noon.

9.0 CHAIR'S REPORT

None

10.0 STAFF REPORT

11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Strategies to develop a comprehensive energy plan


12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Hon. Dennis Washburn adjourned meeting at 12:05pm.

The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee will be held in the SCAG offices on Thursday, March 3, 2005.

Action Minutes Approved
by:


Sylvia Patsaouras, Manager
Energy and Environment